GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SARVA SWASTHYA ABHIYAN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Sarva Swasthya Abhiyan for strengthening the health services in the country as reported in The Hindu dated December 27, 2007;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the details of funds proposed to be allocated for Sarva Swasthya Abhiyan during the Eleventh Plan, State-wise; and

(d) the manner in which the said Abhiyan will help in achieving the objective of the National Rural Health Mission and the National Urban Health Mission in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 37 FOR 27TH FEBRUARY, 2008

(a) Yes, Sir. The Eleventh Plan document mentions that the Plan will aim for inclusive growth by introducing National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) which along with National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) will form the Sarva Swasthya Abhiyan.

(b) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has already been approved for the period 2007-2012 and is under implementation. It provides for accessible, affordable, equitable, accountable and quality health care to the people especially those living in rural areas. NRHM ensures to provide concurrent service guarantee in respect of skilled attendants at all births, full coverage of childhood diseases/health conditions, maternal diseases/health conditions, blindness due to refractive errors and low vision, leprosy, tuberculosis, vector borne diseases, inpatient treatment of childhood diseases, inpatient treatment of maternal diseases, life style diseases, hypertension, providing secondary care services at district hospitals, meeting unmet needs and spacing and permanent family planning services, for RTI/STI and counseling for HIV/AIDS services for adolescents.
A National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) is also proposed for the urban poor with focus on those living in urban slums.

(c) The allocation for Eleventh Five Year Plan under NRHM is Rs.89478.00 Crores and for NUHM is Rs.4495.00 Crores and the proposed outlay for the annual plan of 2008-09 is Rs.11930.00 Crores for NRHM and Rs.50.00 Crores for NUHM. However, the year-wise and State wise allocation in respect of these two programmes cannot be given as explained below.
The Five Year Plan Scheme-wise outlay is an indicative one. The State-wise and Scheme-wise allocation is made during the year based on the Annual Plan outlay communicated by the Planning Commission which is normally less than the Annual Plan proposals projected by the Departments. Moreover, the Scheme-wise Annual Plan proposals are made based on the priorities assigned to each Scheme depending upon the State specific importance assigned to it.

(d) NRHM seeks to achieve its objective through the process of communitisation through untied funds and involvement of Panchayats etc. improved management, capacity through skill augmentation and infusion of managerial skills, flexible financing, monitoring progress against standards through Indian Public Health Standards, innovation in human resource management, partnership with non-government providers, etc.